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SUBJECT: SECURITY ASPECT OF PRESIDENT-ELECT
ODUBER'S TRIP TO THE US

REF: SAN JOSE 508

1. AS NOTED IN REFTTEL, PRESIDENT-ELECT ODUBER PLANS TO TRAVEL TO VENEZUELA AND PUERTO RICO NEXT WEEK AND THEN SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN FLORIDA ON VACATION. HE DESIRES NO PROTOCOLARY OR BUSINESS ACTIVITIES AND SIMPLY WANTS TO REST. I TOLD HIM THAT I THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE FOR HIM TO HAVE SECURITY PROTECTION WHILE IN THE US GIVEN HIS POSITION AS PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND THAT I WOULD UNDERTAKE TO SET THAT IN MOTION. HE SAID HE WOULD APPRECIATE IT AND WOULD FEEL BETTER ABOUT HAVING THAT PROTECTION. HE WILL LET US KNOW SOONEST HIS ITINERARY WHICH WE WILL FORWARD AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE IT. IN THE MEANTIME, I WISH TO ALERT THE DEPARTMENT TO THIS REQUIREMENT.

2. MARIO SOTELA, ONE OF ODUBER'S AIDES, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY THAT HE WOULD ACCOMPANY ODUBER AND ASKED IF THERE
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WOULD BE ANY DIFFICULTY WITH HIS CARRYING

A PISTOL, AS HE REGARDS HIMSELF AS A KIND OF BODYGUARD. HE WAS TOLD THAT NO PROBLEMS WERE ANTICIPATED IF US CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WERE AWARE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND OF THE TIME AND PLACE OF ARRIVAL. IT WAS ALSO REITERATED TO HIM THAT PRESIDENT-ELECT ODUBER WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE OFFICIAL USE SECURITY PROTECTION.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM THAT SUCH PROTECTION CAN BE OFFERED AND INFORM US WHAT PROCEDURES ARE NECESSARY TO PERMIT SOTELA TO CARRY WEAPON THROUGH CUSTOMS.
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